understate that of the Jews."

nental European sects have a con-

In calculating the membership

448, and the South, with a member-

are fourteen other Baptist bodies.

The Methodist Church has the same

the South branch. There are besides

for colored people, the membership

in the Baptist Colored Church being

more than 3,000,000. The Presby-

the southern branch. The first of

is a united church, has a member-

ship of 1,098,173. The general ten-

"An echo of the fight at Selcheprey

also is commended."

to their newspapers.

From our own officials we have

Naturally, Americans would like to

it a serious attack? Or was the Ger-

man version of it, which asserted 183

American soldiers had been taken

Unquestionably, greater things than

The Hudson River shad, believed to

have become practically extinct, has re-turned.—The news from Poughkeepsie.

liline's is going to pay the funeral

expenses of Praces, the victim of the

State can do no less than see him de-

If the offensive has not yielded defi-

the Crown Prince and their party will be blamed for the military disaster.—

Any one in the fatherland having

rich pasture to let for goats should

proper authorities. In one line at

least there bids fair to be no German

A Spanish statesman.

A diplomatic triumph for Hoover.

prisoners, a Teutonic lie?

Seicheprey?

conferences into seven bodies.

members.

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#### bille Blank Check for the War Any Department.

It may be, as Secretary BAKER es will need in the next fiscal year thirbillions of dollars. It may be that the War Department will need fourteen, fifteen billions of dollars If it does it will get it.

But the American Congress ought not, in effect, to write the War. Department, under Secretary BAKES or under anybody else, a blank check. This Congress and the preceding Congress already have signed away, with **cheir** own legislative acts, nearly all the powers, the authority and the functions which belong to them un-

States and by the will of the American people-powers, authority, funcstions which they are sworn under their sacred oath of office to preserve and exercise. In the name of all that is sacred in government by the people, let not Congress cast away Its almost last right, its most important of all, control of the nation's purse strings,

d, In popular government it is elemental that unless the people, through their chosen representatives, make the ropriations for and otherwise govn the expenditure by the Executive the moneys that they tax out of neelves through those representaves there is no longer, there can be no longer, popular covereignty and mberatic government. There can be only despotism, whether malignant or

The people of the United States and he members of Congress are ready to raise and to apply at any time it may needed all the money required for this specific purpose, that specific purpose or the other specific purpose in conduct of this war to a succes ful end. When Congress, provided it nows what is needed and for what purpose, can always supply money at any time it should never write a blank check for any department of the administrative Government. It never will unless it is prepared to shut up shop for good, and all to let the Chief Executive be the only Government rom top to bottom that the country

## A Brighter Side of the War.

Some of our people are wont to well too much on the gloomy assects of the great war which we are waging in defence of civilization and therty and international law.

ictured in narratives and novels until the readers are fairly dismayed n the contemplation of what "our boys" must encounter "over there." Anxious mothers are driven almost wild with increased anxiety, and patriotism is subdued by a prophetic sense of coming disaster to those they eve who have donned the uniform of he United States and now stand face to face with the German foe. A rvous strain has made itself felt throughout the country and we are worrying too much.

Look at Pershing's men and the Blue Devils from France, and having oked, cheer up !

These veteran soldiers from the estern front, decorated with wounds ad war meduls, who were sent here belp us raise the third Liberty an, bring messages of hope and seer and encouragement which gleam

bright as their bayonets in the sun! They have come back! Why should ot the sons and brothers and husbands whom we are so anxious about come back also? The presence of cers. The German high command is of relative strength of the different these poilus and men in khaki who have been baptized in fire in Flanders | The technical equipment of the army | This last point appears in this Fedand northern France teaches us that the baptism is not always fatal; and that while we must needs sacrifice drilled in their duties until to match entire church membership, 15,742,262, some, yet hundreds and thousands of their expertness is a triumph of or-American soldiers over there will live ganization.

to see "Gop's own country" again. when we shall welcome them trium- tion, its creators have brought it to Orthodox churches-mainly the Greek constward now, in ever augmenting have been quick to experiment with nine-tenths of 1 per cent., are memnumber, confident that a large pro- novelties and eager to adopt useful bers of Jewish congregations, and portion will ultimately return, to be conored in their home for their hero-

ism displayed abroad. None of the recent war demonstra-

the Blue Devils from France. They eem like adventurous explorers who tically unscathed. What they have adversary in war. done others can do also; and their But a braggadocio spirit in Amerexample and escape from death make ics, with regard to the German miliway, over there and back!

As in the past, so to-day, the French and cheer to us across the Atlantic.

## Lireraft Production a Pallure but

in any event-if we fall into wild to defeat him. If anybody says an excitement over irresponsible charges American soldier is better than half that we have no flying machines in a dozen Germans, he implies that the this war because the vast sums ap- American soldier possesses an infinite propriated to build them have been superiority over the French and the oillaged.

Nobody could be more disappointed we know it is not so. ernment's ghastly failure to turn the as good a soldier as any in the world : tide of war, as not only America but we believe he will, with proper inall the world hoped, with fleets of struction and leadership, make a betinvincible air fighters. But it is in- ter soldier, because of his inherent this problem could be, under the cirgone there for mere loot. It is un. ermy with army. We are going to business men could have been so stu- ers now; we are proud of what has pidly blind as to let some Tom, Dick been done, and confident of what will or Harry of a thief plunge his arms be done; but this is not the season up to the elbow in the aircraft moneys. It is beyond belief that military officers of high character and proved Committee on Publicity, said in Paris dmates, that the War Department integrity could themselves have been guilty of such crimes or could have compromised the guilt of others.

It is not unbelievable, it is entirely probable, that in this new aircraft experienced and ignorant, the best of resent the finest pluck and punch of them like the worst of them blundered and wasted and failed.

In such a situation, shocking as it is to this country, fatal as it might have it promises soon to be provided with the been to the ailled armies battling against the Germans, there would be its proper place in this war." no need of grand juries, district attorder the Constitution of the United news or criminal courts. There might well be searching investigation and merciless exposure of the facts by a strength of the enemy and the difficul-Congress committee. And yet that thing itself would not achieve what The army knows what the French and the crisis demands.

We need action which will give us airplanes that will fly faster and fight Germans, the French and the British better than the enemy's. We need action which will give us for sure service more airplanes, many more, than the enemy can make and employ.

We are not going to get anything like that out of a grand jury. And we are not going to get anything like it out of a Congress investigating and who, after years of neglect, are committee. We can get, we must get it out of men who will deliver the share of the burden shoulder to shoulgoods. At this time nothing else could be so important as that.

Even if grand juries, district at torneys and criminal courts could find. An Increase in Churches and try and imprison a few casual thieves that result would be of slight mo ment compared with the job which one single moment's delay.

national disgrace. It is no time for ten years before. of aircraft machinery running night the number of churches has increased selves for gallant conduct in that enand day, full time and overtime, at from 212,230 to 228,007, the number sagement.

## Braggadocio.

The most dangerous enemy with and the rather striking gain of alwhich a man or a nation has to con- most 20 per cent, in membership. tend is overconfidence, manifesting it- Religious statistics have been conself in undervaluation of an opponent sidered one of the most difficult and brag about the ease with which branches of statistical research. From he can be overcome. To the credit of the earliest attempts at report, which the United States it may be set down may be considered to date back to in truth that neither contempt for the the efforts of Jesuits and Franciscan German arms nor boastful talk about missionaries in the sixteenth and sev-American prowess has been con- enteenth centuries, there has always heard nothing about it except that no business with the institution. It spicuous in the discussions accom- been among churchmen more or less the casualties inflicted by the enemy punying our preparation for strife. of dissatisfaction with what has been A becoming modesty has generally called "the numerical account of they were. marked our progress in the great the external manifestation of religstruggle. Men in responsible places lous life." It was not until the later have set the fashion; others have fol- part of the nineteenth century that lowed their lend. Yet there are indi- any serious scientific attempt was vidual Americans who occasionally made to distinguish statistically, acassert that "one American is the equal cording to religion, the entire popula-

similar nonsense. In fact the German army is composed of strong, capable, admirably estimates, as a foundation for reports, ling. Why does not the War Departdrilled soldlers, commanded by ex- and in the second place, information ment let us know what occurred at perlenced non-commissioned officers that would form the basis for an unand highly trained commissioned offi- derstanding not only of numerical but intelligent, resourceful, far sighted, denominations. is practicable and modern to the last eral report, especially regarding the button. The noncombatant corps are four principal denominations. Of the

innovations. To belittle such a foe is the height

centred around Pensisso's men and of condescension and holds in contempt his ability is beaten at the start. The same is true of a nation have visited Hell and returned prac- that underrates the strength of its gives the number of the Jewish mem-

us not only proud of the past, but tary power, at this time would be confident of the future. Our boys highly unfortunate for other reasons will follow in their footsteps, all the than those associated with national self-preservation. The war began al most four years ago. Since then oldler marches side by side with the the German armies have contended American, bringing a spirit of hope against the French and English unceasingly. The French, with their unapproachable gift for war as an art and and Eastern Orthodox churches and a science; the British, with their undying tenacity, have prevented the en-We shall go far astray from the emy from accomplishing his principal real aircraft situation—crucial enough objects, but they have not been able British soldier. But this is not so:

than this newspaper is over our Gov- We believe an American will make credible that the business men who self-reliance, when that self-reliance abandoned their own big affairs and is brought within proper bounds. But went to Washington to help out on no sane man would say that the American soldier is now superior to cumstances, so unspeakable as to have the French or the British, comparing strength of the Protestant churches thinkable that these keen, successful school with French and British teachto boast. On this subject JAMES KER-NEY, director of the Franco-American on Friday :

> "From General PERSHING down to the privates the single idea prevails of making this a finish fight against the Hun. "While the army naturally does not

work, as in so many other war fields yet rank among the first of the highly where the American people were in- efficient military machines, it does rep-America translated into action

"Incidentally, with the develop that are taking place at the staff school ecessary officers to enable it to assume

We know, and the army knows, that it must learn its trade. The army knows, and we should know, the ties that beset the path to victory the British have done; it knows that if one American were as good as six would have wiped the German Government out of existence not mouths ago, but years ago. Every American ought to know this and every American should recognize that boastfulness ill befits us, who have been sheltered behind the French and English, only now preparing to bear our fair der with them.

## Church Membership.

The Government's chief statistician for population, WILLIAM C. HUNT, in we have to do and have to do first of his compilation of data relating to all-get the airplanes, the right air- various religious bodies of this counplanes. Quite trivial is the bearing try for the Bureau of Census, reports of anything else on the stupendous 201 religious denominations in the task before us of undoing so far as United States. In arriving at this possible the mischief that has been result, which is an increase of thirdone, of trying to make up some por- teen over the number in 1906, he has tion of the precious time which has either dropped or consolidated with been lost, of building aircraft by the other religious bodies sixteen denomihundreds and the thousands without nations and added twenty-nine to the previous total reported. He finds fur-We are pledged to do that and the thermore, that at the end of the year pledge is still binding, and new doubly 1916 we had more churches, church binding, in that with its fulfilment members, ministers, Sunday schools, may come some atonement for what. Sunday school students, officers and as matters now stand, is not short of teachers, than we had in the country

ereminds and vain regrets now. They In that ten year period, the rehould all be drowned out in the whir port of which was issued yesterday, cers and men who distinguished themthe highest speed pressure that roar- of ministers from 164,830 to 191,722. ing fires under the bollers can drive it. | and the number of church members from 35,068,058 to 42,044,374. The re-The horrors of the battlefield are The Danger and the Indecency of port thus shows a very considerable gain in both churches and ministers.

> of six Germans," and give tongue to tion of the world. The great difficulty has been, in the first place, to secure reliable data, not mere vague this are to come. Yet it is interest-

or more than 37 per cent., are reported as Roman Catholics; 250,340. The same is true of the navy. Un- or six-tenths of 1 per cent., are re-Heaven speed the glorious day hampered by preconception and tradi- ported as adherents of the Eastern hant! Meantime, let us speed them a state of splendid efficiency. They and the Russian churches; 350,998, or the remainder, 25,691.774, or 61 per cent., compose mostly members of the of folly. To underestimate his power Protestant churches. In comparing is to invite disaster. A manufacturer, these figures it must be borne in mind permit the fact to be known by the tions in this city has been more in- a business man, or a professional man that in the case of the more orthodox than have been those which who competes with a rival in a spirit Jewish organizations only the male live stock shortage.

incorporators or those who have MR. RYAN BACK HOME. bought shares are treated as members What His Old Friends Think of the "The Jewish Year Book" for 1910 Airplane Bullder. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Here bership at 1,777,000. Again, the

in the copper country of Michigan the people picked up the morning paper Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orpeople picked up the morning paper and read the news from Washington thodox churches include in their membership all infants and children who that John D. Ryan had been appointed have been baptized, while the Protdirector of air plants and production. It made us proud. He's our John D. estant churches do not as a rule re-Ryan. I have known him personally since childhood. He is one of God's ceive young children into their membership. The clear inference then would be, as the report says, the won. They don't make many like him. percentages given "overstate the rela- finance and business to-day. But he tive strength of the Roman Catholic climbing the six flights of stairs to my little editorial room on the top floor of the Gasette building. He's the same The report gives no estimate of the John Ryan to us now as he was when adherents in this country of some of we were boys. And he is a young

the greatest of the Asiatic religions, man to-day. Mohammedanism, Brahmism, Bud-The news on our front page thi norning made it look to me that John dhism, Confucianism, Shintoism or Ryan had been picked for one of the Taoism. Evidently none of them has a large representation in the United with the home work of the war. That's States. Three denominations, howwhy I thought something of the personality of the man as I know ever, that have been considered as might be worth reading. Next to the representative of distinctly contijob. And Ryan will put the pep in suns. siderable following in this country: the airplane job as Charles Schwab is the German Evangelical Synod with putting it into the ship building job. 1,349 organizations and 342,788 mem-John Ryan's father was a mining bers; the Dunkers with 1,291 churches

the early days of that property. Later and 134,473 members, and the Menhe actually discovered the copper lode nonites with 840 churches and 79,591 on the south side of Portage River, later developed into the Baltic, one of the two richest copper mines of the copper range corporation. John Ryan worked in his Uncle Ed it is necessary to consider the divi-Ryan's store in Hancock when I knew sion of some of the most important him first. Then he got a job selling denominations. The Baptist Church for the Standard Oil Company. is divided into two large bodies, the Ultimately he became Western mana North, with a membership of 1,227, | ger for the Standard, with headquarters in Denver. Then he came home and married one of Houghton's most ship of 2.711,591. Besides these there

Ryan's travels took him to Butte He tried to sell the Amalgamated divisions; the North, however, is the Copper Company. Old man Daly larger, having a membership of 3.718. Marcus Daly of the famous Daly. 396, more than 1,100,000 in excess of like the Standard oil for some reason or other. "Come to me representing the Methodist Protestant Church and some other oil company and you can five other Methodist bodies. Both of have all the business I can turn over the larger societies have churches to you," said Marcus Daly. And Ryan came back representing the Crew-Levick Company. And he did sell the

Likewise he and John Ryan became terian Church is divided into the close friends. When Marcus Daly Presbyterian in the United States of died Mr. Ryan was made a director America, the northern branch, and of the Daly Trust and Banking interests in Butte. He looked after the the Presbyterian in the United States, enormous estate of this great copper

these has 9,646 churches and a mem-I might diverge here and tell the bership of 1,613,056, almost five times story of the two miners. William A. Clark and Marcus Daly, who discovas large as the southern church. ered the Anaconda silver mine, later The Lutheran Church is likewise dimade it over into a great copper mine, vided through synods, councils and later got into a row with one another. I might ring in the Heinze rumpus The Congregationalists represent a and all that

All remember what Tom Lawson did membership of almost 791,000. The to the Amalgamated Copper company Protestant Episcopal Church, which in the greatest muckraking job th country eyer saw. The Daly interests were the largest shareholders in the dency now is for union of the differ- company. ent branches of the Protestant de-Just when things were at their

worst John Ryan was made Butte nominations, and it is believed that manager of the Amalgamated. Henry the plans of conferences now in prog-H. Rogers was the president. ress will result before the next ten Mr. Rogers died Ryan became presiyears in the merging of many of the dent. He has put that great property different branches of the Baptist, in a position where it ranks as standard investment security. Even Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran the name Amalgamated is gone. The gains which are shown by the for speculative purposes. It is, in the it is the Anaconda. It is never used Government report unquestionably in public estimation, quite a different dicate an appreciable growth in reproperty from the old Amalgamated Ryan has done for the Amalgamated ligious organizations. In view of what has been said regarding the what we all hope he can do for the airplane programme of the United decline both in church building and States. And he will. We know him church membership, the churchman in Michigan.

will find much that will fortify him It makes us pretty proud to know hat a Houghton boy has been w ected by the President of the United States for this great work. Mr. Ryan a man of great wealth. He was one of those who paid taxes on a million A staff correspondent of THE EVE. a year income. When the war broke out he went to work for the Red NING SUN, writing with the American Cross at Washington. He is a Demoarmy in France under date of May crat, politically, and was a strong sup-4, had this interesting information porter of President Wilson in the last

campaign. Personally he is one of the most dethat will be heard throughout New Eng- He does not fight. He smiles all the lightful men in the world to meet. time. He never lost his temper in a commendations just issued of the offibusiness deal in his life. I could spend 300 words telling of little private charities he has done among folks that I know about here in our Michigan copper district and it is a

"The list contains the names of thirtysafe wager he has spent a good many one Americans. Colonel Berthan of the more dollars and hours on that kind French army, who had command of the of work in Butte. He was here a few days last summer. He comes with his family to spend a vacation here every year, playing golf. We sat in Jim Dee's a fight at Seicheprey because the Germans told them about it, and the

domiciled in America know there was sun parlor one morning, getting ready to go out on the links, and I recounted to him his many business triumphs and successes in life. Finally I asked French alluded to it, and the Ameri- him what he considered the most imcan correspondents in France have portant of all. "My election as a dimentioned it incidentally in desputches rector of the Hibernian Bank in New York," he replied. That came to him on a silver salver. You must be Hibernian to be on the board. He did was offered to him as an honor to a son of Erin. "Nothing would have were not as severe as the enemy said pleased my father quite as much as

Yes, the folks here and in Montana know more about this encounter. Was feel that the Government is making it merely a sharp trench raid? Was moves in the right direction when it selects men like our John Ryan for HOMER A. GUCK. HOUGHTON, Mich. April 30.

### The Successful Arkaness Candidate. From the Monroe County Sun.

Did you ever see so many candidates? had them from Marshal almost resident to see us this week, and bless goodness: one of them set up the hot-tamales. Believe me, some of these old-pickle headed hops sure did devour themselves some tamales, and well same candidate gets every dad-blasted

A Shut In Philosopher. From the Sing Sing Star Bulletin. Kindness is not handing a blind beggar nicket and asking him for four cents Collinsville lynching. Having failed in its duty toward the living man the

hange.
Worry is a detour from the right road of thought-a destructive, ruinous, bumpy The driver of those who are driven to nite results before May 15 the Kalser will be stronger than ever with the peo-ple, and HINDENBURG, LUDENDORFF and drink ought to have both a back driver's

> What It Thrives On. Knicker-Small change is chicken feed Bocker-And Thrift Stamps are easie

The Uniform. Knicker-A bond is the khaki of cash. Bocker-And wears Liberty buttons.

RECRUITS WANTED! The Ninth Coast Artillery Corps, N

Y. G., Needs Men. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The former New York State National Guard constituted the principal military pro alized and no longer available.

A new State Guard has been organ sed to defend our lives, our homes places of business and our public instithe training of men who are awake to attention not only of gourmets, but the necessity of preparedness against defence and who find it impracticable to led citisens beyond draft age or who Dr. Charles H. Townsend, director of through slight physical defects or be- the Aquarium and for many years or their professions have been unable o enlist in the Federal service, are eligble and needed for the New York Guard which as such is not subject to Fed-

The Ninth Coast Artillery is one o the best trained and equipped regiments in the Guard, and is composed of exceptionally intelligent, earnest and enis a liberal supply of Lewis machine

There are a limited number of vacar cles in the corps now which it is desired to fill with men of the present standard. Men of ability who enlist stand an excellent chance of promotion t being the policy of this regiment to draw its officers from the ranks.

The period of enlistment is for two years. Uniforms and equipment are furnished by the State. Drills once or twice

the armory. Fourteenth street, west of 1915 to 50,000 pounds. Sixth avenue, on Monday afternoons be tween the hours of 5 and 6:30 o'clock. and on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 8 and 9:30 o'clock to meet glad to explain any matters not already

Sacrifice a small portion of your leis are time, acquire the physical well being which accompanies military training and foin the Ninth Coast Artillery as a duty to your country, your city and your fam-CHARLES A. SHERMAN

Chairman Recruiting Committee. BAUD, WALTER L. SUYDAM, ETHELBERT Low, Howard K. Coolings, GUSTAY SCHWAR, ROBERT L. PIERREPONT, T. J. OARLEY RHINELANDER, CHARLES T. RICHARDSON, WILLIAM P. WAINWRIGHT, ELMER R. HOLLANDER, HARVEY E. FISK WICK, VICTOR M. EARLE, W. IRVING KENT, P. TECUMBER SHERMAN, CHARLES M. WARD, ANDREW A. BIRBY, FREDERICK ALLIEN, GEORGE HEWLETT, PAUL L. MOTTELAY J. G. PHELPS STOKES, EFFING HAM N. LAWRENCE, WILLIAM F. BEEK-MAN, ALEXANDER B. TROWBRIDGE, LA THROP COLGATE, JOSEPH C. CHASE, FRED. BRICK K. SEWARD, THOMAS S. WILSON, WILLIAM I. SEAMAN, FRANCIS A. STOD DARD, HOWARD DUFFIELD, D. D., COLE-MAN E. KISSAM, ALLAN L. STORET, ER-NEST P. HORS. FRANCIS G. LLOYD, PIERRE-PONT DAVIS, MORRIS L. WILLETS, JOHN D. CHAMPLIN, Jr., HENRY R. DWIGHT

secretary. NEW YORK, May 4.

### ELIMINATE PARTISANSHIP. A Southern Newspaper on the For-

eign Relations Committee. From the Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appea The late Senator Stone was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the Senate. This at the present time filled in either branch of Congress. Be fore this committee Will eventually come the grave matters that must precede vertures of peace. At the present time pefore this committee come all of the problems evolved from chaotic conditions of war in foreign countries.

Senator Stone should be measured by July 15 he hatched 15,900,000 eggs.

political affiliations. It has been the time honored custom and because of this has become the law tee. This does not mean seniority in years, but seniority in point of service! on this committee

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is the cock is the senior Democratic member. Between the two men, considered purely from a mental point of view, of experience and ability, Senator Lodge is the man who should fill the place made vacant by the death of Senator Stone. We have not approved of Senuously opposed many of his extreme ideas on several occasions, but we recognize the man's statesmanship, his marked ability and his sterling worth as an American citizen. More than this, Senator Lodge has been loyal in his patriotism and in his work to advance the interests of the Administration at this critical time.

ently Senator Hitchcock admitted that he was opposed to war and that his epposition had been largely the means blocking the early work of preparedness. It was an eleventh hour admission, but t came to show that the gentleman from Nebraska had found the folly of his opposition and the necessity of united

cooperation. he has not been fully in accord with President Wilson, and this is a time when experience and confidence is a far greater asset than political allegiance. faith or affiliations.

Senator Hitchcock may be a Democra and Senator Lodge may be a Republipolitics. Consider the ability and worthiness of the man and not his loyalty as a party man.

The selection of Senator Stone's suceasor should be strictly a non-partisan

Her Demand. Dear Buddy, you are over where the shells fly thick and fast,

now you're handing out Some solar plexus K. O.'s to the Huns. From my little flat in Harlem to the sunny

nelds of France his three thousand miles of ocean very But I'm writing you a letter to acquaint you with the fact

That I want the double eagle for a pet. feel a little lonesome since the soldiers sailed away. I've nothing to amuse me but the cate. For know I'm awful fond of pets, I've had

a dozen dogs. And parrots, too, and rabbits, and white Don't send me Iron crosses, Prussian helmets, German Belts.

On just one thing and nothing will content The Kalser's double eagle for a pet.

## WHY THE SHAD HAVE COME BACK TO THE HUDSON RIVER.

A Welcome Invasion Such as Father Knickerbocker Has Not Witnessed for Many Years.

The news that the Hudson again price at a time when few shad were obtained from Southern waters was full of delicious shad deserves the In those days and for many years following, pound nets and seines of the students of ichthyology. Why used uninterruptedly throughout the did shad go away and why did they time established despite the fact that come back? were questions put to the Forest, Fish and Game Commission of those days urged the Legislature to give the shad protection. chief of the Division of Commercial Probably the Legislature saw no

way:

their decrease.

need for giving protection to the shan

for the catches were so great that

lands along the Hudson River were

freely fertilized and even tons of fish

thrown overboard by fish merchants

prices demanded by outside market

of shad in the Hudson in 1879 was

larger than was customary heretofore

In 1900 the ordinary run of first class

shad did not exceed four pounds. Five

pound shad were something unusual.

Linlithgo, the shad hatchery of the

M. C. Worts, superintendent of In-

land Fisheries in 1914, summed up the

shad situation at that time in the

the shad to the pollution of the river

and the miles of nets along the Jerse

planck's Point in the Hudson River

also the taking of the fingerling shad

for minnows, which adds greatly to

"Nets used below Verplanck's Poin

are not required to be licensed, and

such nets are not prohibited from be-

ing used between sunset on Friday

and sunrise Monday morning, which

prevents a great number of the shad

from finding their way to the upper Hudson River, their natural spawning

planck's Point are not in condition for

the water, and with these existing con-

ditions the Hudson River cannot ex-

pect an increase of shad to keep up

change with the Pennsylvania Com-

mission of Fisheries 1,000,000 pike-

A man who lives along the river

crease of shad in the Hudson the fact

the supply of former years."

perch for 1,000,000 shad fry.

Such shad taken below Ver-

We attribute the decrease of

Shad of six pounds were rarely seen

feed for 500,000 shad in one year

of Fisheries. "Ask God Almighty why they came ack," said Dr. Townsend. "Why they went away is easier to answer. Summed up in a brief sentence, the causes were exhaustive fishing over many years and pollution of the stream. If it is true that they have come back in millions, they are very much needed. The drain made on our fisheries has been very heavy, heavier and heavier each year, for our population has nearly doubled since the palmy days of shad fishing.

Fisherles of the United States Bureau

"Our Federal statistics go back to 1880 and on the New York side of the Hudson River the catch for 1885 was 4,000,000 pounds. In 1901 it had dropped to 3,000,000 pounds. In 1904 You are invited to witness drills at it dropped to 500,000 pounds and in

'In other words you might say that the total catch for the whole river from 1885 to 1895 was between 4,000 .to 1901 it ranged from 2,000,000 to 1,000,000 pounds and eince 1901 the catch has never equalled 1,000,000 pounds. During the past four years the catch has not yielded as much as 75,000 pounds."

One fish conservationist discussing the return of the fish to the Hudson again said that the Poughkeepsie corperhaps unconsciously, when he wrote Scores of shad fishermen had quit the business because they could not catch enough to pay for their licenses.

exactly what was needed-lack of frawing nets, with the result that the fish were given a chance to come back. Until this session of the Legislature the Conservation Commission has had no jurisdiction over the Hudson River below Verplanck's Point. George D. Pratt, Conservation Commissioner, urged the Legislature that control of the Hudson to its mouth should be given to the commission in order that the shad, striped bass and other anadromous fishes may have better protection in their annual migration to their natural spawning grounds in

The Conservation Commission operates a hatchery at Linlithgo, and last year only was able to collect 450,500 eggs. Mr. Pratt stated at the time: "It seems to the commission that the quently less nets. very limited interest of the few fishermuch larger public interest in pre-

serving these fish." The Legislature concurred in these views and Gov. Whitman signed the diction of the commission to the entire

requested the Connecticut Fish Com- caught in this way. mission to let him hatch shad eggs in a floating box of his own invention.

The State furnished these boxes and of precedent, to fill the chairmanship see that the fishermen did their part. during one of their annual runs, pos-Cal. Later, Frank Clark and Dr. senior Republican, while Senator Hitch- Tarleton H. Bean sent another batch river was the most important river of shad to California, and fishermen

Incidentally that year shad were so plentiful in the Hudson that they sold valuable on the Atlantic seaboard. as low as \$1.25 a hundred. Large shad were retailed in New York city and daddies and grandladdies and the cents apiece. Incidentally, that had prepared in various ways, helped to not occurred in twenty years previ- make New Yorkers contented with ously, and these shad brought this their lot.

that last year the nets were more or less neglected because fishermen made money more easily by going in the dustries that have speeded up because of the war. There have been any number of men in recent years who sold their plant-

was "fished out." Others, discouraged at small catches in return for much labor, planted fewer poles and conse The habits of the shad lend themmen on the lower reaches of the river selves admirably to the extermination

should at last give way to the very of the fish. They approach the shores in immense schools, actually crowding one another in their efforts to reach where the spawn is deposited. Fishermeasure, which now extends the juris- men learned quickly how to intercept the broad months of rivers, and the It was back in '67 when Seth Green marketable shad are now nearly a

Few roe shad escape the nets, the rivers are thus depleted, the natural The scheme worked and the next year spawning of the fish interfered with. Green began hatching shad at James and the supply of eggs available to State Mull's fishery near Coeyman's and national fish cultural bureaus cut Landing In 1869, between July 1 and off. Fish culturists are of the opinion that it is incumbent upon the States to enact restricting only on condition that they kept the the bays and at the mouths of rivers boxes supplied with eggs, and a warden Fish, they say, should be allowed to Green in 1871, after a hard seven sibly that in May, and during a con days' trip, planted shad taken from siderable part of the shad season the the Hudson in the Sacramento river, catch should be limited to fresh waters. In point of commerce the Hudson began to take shad in waters they had cording to Charles H. Stevenson, who made a study of the subject, the shall fisheries of the Hudson were the most

Shad suppers were the joy of ou planked, baked, broiled, with the ros

## OUR GENTLE WAY.

# Enemy Spies.

a sentence of six months in the Fort tories at this time, and they are a ser-Leavenworth prison for desertion from to the world in general that the man our army, has been "recommended for facturers are busy doing their but to internment" in spite of the fact that ward winning the war," cruel and unusual punishments are for-bidden by the Constitution of the United the manufacturers, that would be States.

have served as a spy in the employ of fuse to spend the few dollars necessathe German Government since August, to equip their factories with the prop-1914, during which time he has in obs- apparatus to carry off the fumes a dience to his orders stolen valuable se- cases which eventually drift over to crets from us and transmitted them to New York side of the Hudson then the his imperial master; that he has on are open to criticism and cannot listed in our army under the same or- commended for their patriotism. ders, taking the oath of allegiance to. To prove that patriotism has nothing the United States: that also under or- to do with it, let's take one specifi ders he deserted after stealing more stance, that of one company operating information for dermany, and that he plant on the Jersey side. As far be then went to Mexico to continue his hell- as February 15, 1916, this company ish work.

to be interned. It seems inhuman, to be treated when we are pouring out stacks. To show the utter discrepant blood and treasure to defeat the efforts that order, on April 1 the department of our foe to destroy us, I suggest that usued an order prohibiting the compar instead of sending munitions of war to from engaging in the manufacture General Pershing we arm our forces sulphus brown pending such time as the with slapsticks and instruct our men company may install a satisfactory at to strike the Germans with them when- paratus for the consumption of smoever the acoundrels are detected in try- and odors.

ing to destroy us.

NEW YORK, May 4 An Old Time Georgia Sign.

DAVID A. CURTIS.

From the Titton Gazette.

JERSEY SMELLS.

# A Sample of Our Consideration for Patriotism Could Hardly Have Been

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: In To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: In these days of stress it is disheartening answer to the letter of "Patriot indeed to read some of the things that American" printed in THE SUN of Ma-3, in which it is stated that "Jerse I see by to-day's paper that one Wil- citizens are well aware of the fact th belm you Linden, who has just served unpleasant odors are coming from for States. Include that he has confessed to ject. But when the manufacturers of

after an investigation by the New Jerie For all this, we being at war, he is Department of Health, was given his April 1, 1916, to abate the If this is to be the way spies are from smoke and odors emitted from

The company is still doing business It would seem to be more consistent. Whether it ever complied with the order with our treatment of our enemies here, of the department is unknown to writer. But the case is simply cited lituatrate the point that patrious next nothing to do with it. Let the man facturers install the proper appara for consuming the odors, fumes and

At one time cotton men in Maron thought gases and there will be no further, that the presence of a min with a hand organ and monkey on the streets of that cause for complaint. New Yorkers who are affected by the nu sance expect some time the organ man was probabled by the nu sance expect some time the organ man was probabled by proud that their little State is doing such a "big bit." New Yorkers municipal law, but later was admitted on such a "big bit". New Vigure